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In re Accompanying Divisional Application Under
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Prior Application: T. MATSUO et al
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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING
RADIOACTIVE LIQUID WASTES CONTAINING
SURFACE ACTIVE AGENTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 28, 2001

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application
as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before the first line, add the paragraph:

This is a divisional application of U.S. Serial
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IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims ~~1-6~~ without prejudice or disclaimer,
rewrite claims ~~9-10~~, and add new claims ~~11-13~~, as follows: